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President's Message

As President I feel that it is important to evaluate the major issues that we face in our neighborhood. I have seen, during the year, many important zoning and planning issues: the 312 Filbert proposed building, which would occupy nearly the entire lot at the top of the Filbert steps; the proposed building at the foot of Filbert Street (321), which would replace the existing building and some of the gardens; and proposed landmark district which will affect future planning and zoning.

Everyone in THD feels strongly about protecting the integrity of this neighborhood and the surrounding areas. That can only be accomplished by keeping abreast of planning and zoning issues, and that takes the combined effort of everyone who lives on and cares about Telegraph Hill.

Also, let me tell you about other areas that will need attention the next six months: the Sansome/Battery corridor at the foot of Telegraph Hill from Broadway over to the Embarcadero, traffic congestion and parking issues, changing businesses on Broadway, the Telegraph Hill Historic District, to see it through the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for final approval, and crime prevention organizations, like SAFE.

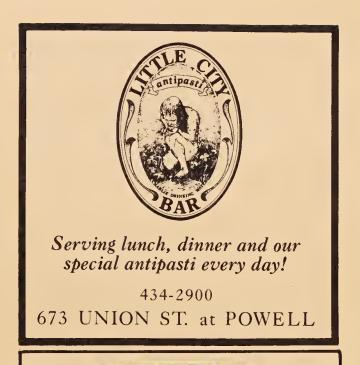
We need your input on these issues. Please call me right now at 989-0494 and leave me your name and telephone number. Not only will you enjoy this neighborhood more but you will learn the political processes in this City, meet many terrific neigborhood people and be making a contribution.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Fisherman's Wharf Breakwater Construction Begins with a Bang

A festive ceremony on the historic Ferry Boat EUREKA marked the beginning of the long awaited breakwater which will finally protect our commercial fishing fleet, wharf facilities and the historic ships moored at Hyde Street Pier. Congratulations to our friends of Fisherman's Wharf who have worked so hard and long to revitalize the declining fishing industry on the Wharf. And thanks to the officials who performed a miracle in getting the necessary funds allocatd by Congress: the late Rep. Phil Burton and his successor, Sala Burton; Senator Milton Marks: Supervisors Board President, John Molinari; U.S. Senators Cranston and Wilson to name only a few. The project is being executed under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Port of San Francisco.



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Billboards, Bus Shelters, and the Wharf

On the steamy night of October 3, while most of North Beach contemplated polar thoughts, wise Telegraph Hill Dwellers cooled themselves with tall, fizzy libations in the air conditioned Italian Athletic Club, watched color slides and listened to speakers from a coalition of Telegraph Hill neighborhoods. Chaired by Denise Hinckle, Director of the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, the informative and entertaining three part program on Fisherman's Wharf, billboards and bus shelters was the joint effort of Russian Hill neighbors, Russian Hill Improvement Association, North Beach Neighbors, Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association and Telegraph Hill Dwellers.

Chris Martin presented an historical and neighborhood perspective on Fisherman's Wharf, a top ten national tourist stop, and explained slides showing the impact of tourism and proposed hotels, one of which is the Pier 45 complex. Pat Flannagan joined him and spoke on the fishing industry, showing slides of former and present canneries, docks and warehouses. Money finally washing in from the recent port bonds election, the decaying seawall is getting much needed repair, and hopes to expand docks and update outmoded facilities and return Fisherman's Wharf to its former status as a fisherman's wharf are no longer dim.

Next Inga Horton (of the City Planning Department), Jane Winslow and Marsha Garland presented pictures of what a freeway sized billboard would look like in San Francisco (if the advertisers got free reign), and how even smaller billboards obstruct views and can be hazardous to drivers. (As you

know, THD and North Beach Neighbors have successfully defeated two billboards in North Beach and have omitted new billboards in the interim zoning, which hopefully will become permanent). Marsha Garland spoke on the coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods' continuous efforts to restrict billboards all over the city.

Mark Weisman of the PUC showed slides with a more international flavor, featuring

the current European answer to keeping the public transportation commuter dry and warm. Some very chic and some almost invisible bus shelters in Paris, Rome and Germany were viewed, several of which included attached telephone and toilet facilities. Costs were subsidized by, you guessed it, advertisements. This winter there will still be a chilly, wet wait, but by next spring look for the new designer San Francisco bus shelters.

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Goodbye to a Special Dweller

Nan Roth says that the decision to leave Telegraph Hill is one of the hardest she has had to make. She has lived here since 1958 with one three-year and one one-year absence. In the '50s and early '60s she devoted her considerable energy and talent to political affairs. Beginning with an infamous push to locate a garage in Washington Square, Nan was won over by neighborhood concerns and became one of THD's strongest and most tenacious leaders. The NEMS relocation to Stockton Street, Levi's Plaza A Development, Landmark Status for the Cliffs, the Malt Factory Development, and the Telegraph Hill Historic District are among the many projects on which she has worked long and hard.

Nan's parents wanted her to attend a proper finishing school for girls in the East, but over their strenous objections she went to Stanford University. She left Stanford's School of Architecture, however, in her senior year, having been unable, as a woman, to locate a prerequisite summer job with an architectural firm. She came to San Francisco, worked at various jobs, met, and after a five year courtship, married Nate Roth. She subsequently received a degree in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley, and did graduate work there and at S.F. State, in Planning.

Now she has accepted a position as one of a team of three who constitute Carmel's Planning Department. She could leave feeling disappointment over the many local battles we've lost and frustration with the constant pressure of fighting to retain the qualities we love in our environment, but when questioned about her feelings she replied that being involved with the Dwellers has been a unique and rewarding experience that will help her be a better Planner.



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A daytime shot of the pumpkins in the garden.



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Meet Your Neighbor: Judy Robinson

Judy Robinson, born in Kansas City, came to the Bay Area to attend Mills College. Transferring after a year, she graduated from U.C. Berkeley. She's also studied at the University of Mexico, and at the Kansas City Art Institute. She lived in Washington, D.C. for 10 years, eight of which she worked as a legislative aide for the U.S. Senate. The position involved extensive investigative research, which lead to enactment of a wide variety of laws, including the ban on PCBs and other environmental, health and food and drug laws. Her work prompted the FDA's ban on saccharin (overturned by Congress). A well-travelled woman, she's been to Russia and Cuba (during the 1970's), taught English for a year in Paris, and has recently returned from an eight-month sojourn in Spain, her third trip there, where she completed her book on Phoebe Apperson Hearst, a biography that she hopes will be published soon.

After her experiences in Washington D.C., as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Resources Committee and as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.), Judy became an editorial writer for the San Francisco Examiner where she researched and wrote opinion columns. She is currently editor of the newsletter Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN), for which she also runs media relations. Prior to Washington D.C., Judy worked for UPI in Boston and Portland, Maine, where, as a reporter, she covered the 1968 Presidential campaign; before that she wrote feature stories for the AP in New York.

Judy lives in the top of a two-unit building (constructed in 1907), which she owns, on Telegraph Hill. There's a view of the Bay from her study, and in all the rooms there's sunlight, plants and books. (I ended up



Judy Robinson spreading the neighborhood word at a THD cocktail party in the Old Spaghetti Factory garden.

borrowing one.) She's a "frustrated art historian", and when I asked, "What next?" she replied, "I want to write more books."

She had some perceptive things to say about THD, for which she was vice president for two years, a board member and chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Some writers only write and talk. Not Judy. She was active in the rezoning of North Beach, in matters relating to the Malt Factory, and in having North Beach declared an Historic District. She feels THD "has become more sophisticated in its dealings with the City Planning Department and politicians." (Judy's worked for a supervisor doing legislative research.) She also thinks that "well informed grass roots neighborhood organizations are a needed and true force in keeping

cities on a human scale." To my persistent remarks about "burn-out," Judy said that she thinks "THD has attracted and can continue to recruit new people by giving them specific responsible jobs to do" and thus "generate interest in a broad sector of people representing our community."

Judy's experiences with political institutions, politicians, legislation and public communication, as well as her keen interest in art and history, add up to an unusually pragmatic and sensitive person. Articulate, knowledgeable and active, Judy Robinson's values ought to be contagious. Recruit!

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There is often a small charge (\$10-\$20) for typesetting when necessary. Most important: Advertising in the *Semaphore* (a wholly volunteer run quarterly since 1956) supports Telegraph Hill Dwellers in their fight for a better Telegraph Hill for today and tomorrow.

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Memorial Trees

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Kearny Street Steps

Plans to put to work the \$50,000 allocated by the Open Space Committee (of Dept. of Rec and Park) are still underway. During the summer and fall months, Kearny Street neighbors gathered in the home of Jerry Hertado to discuss how this area could be made more beautiful and safe without disturbing its already existing charm. Roger Boyer, landscape architect and THD member, in his infinitive patience is currently working on final drawings which will incorporate Kearny residents' needs and wishes.

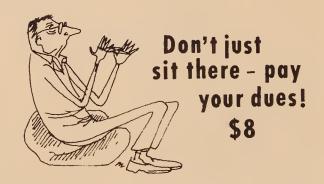
Coors Bicycle Classic, August 3-18

THD will receive a check from the Coors Company for 2 trees in return for any disruption the bicycle race may have caused our residents. Each tree purchased, delivered, and planted will cost \$150. It has been suggested that these trees be planted in Washington Square to replace those which have died in recent years.

North Beach Playground Tot Lot

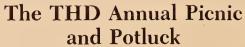
Plans to create a small safe area for toddlers to play in NBPG are rapidly coming to fruition. George Swan, landscape architect for the DPW, stated that his preliminary schematic drawings for the tot lot, adjacent to the library, were approved October 5th at the Rec & Park Commission meeting. Active in helping Swan with suggestions for appropriate play structures was Nan Becker from both North Beach neighbors and THD. Construction of the tot lot should begin midspring 1986.







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January, 1970 (Issue #39)

Mr. Modesto Lanzone, the owner of Julius Castle, has instigated a mini bus operation to transport restaurant patrons from the garage at 1641 Powell Street to his restaurant at Montgomery and Greenwich. Parking space will be available in the garage for a reasonable fee.

Mr. Lanzone is to be congratulated for his foresight in establishing this service. Such an operation should do much to alleviate the almost impossible parking problem on that portion of the Hill.

Local Dwellers in this area would be jubilant we are sure, if the Shadows Restaurant would emulate this fine example and win goodwill.

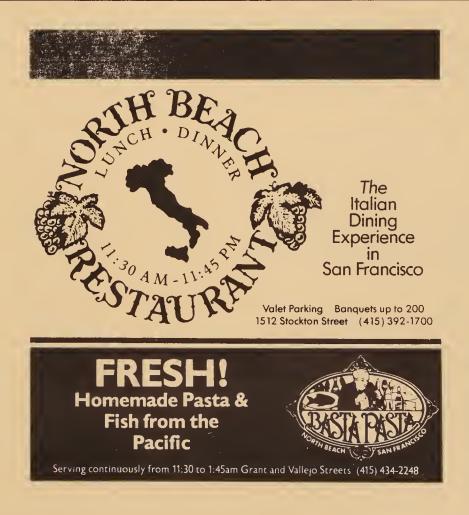


The New North Beach Merchants Association Meets

The New North Beach Merchants Association (25 members) is now holding monthly meetings. Addressing the interests and concerns of local merchants, at the last meeting NNBMA discussed Christmas decorations and the primary problem, customer parking. NNBMA wants to work with residential associations and invites merchants, residents, and non-members to attend their meetings. Contact Maureen of Departments for further information (956-7534).

It's a Very Small Hill

While on a business trip to locate teaching sites for S.F. State University, THD Board Member Peter Dewees recognized a familiar name on a far away faculty door and, upon inquiring, ran into THD committee head Margaret Gwathmey. Margaret was returning from a tea break during the semester program in which she teaches English Literature and Drama to San Mateo Junior College Students in London, England. Peter and Margaret adjourned to Kensington Palace Hotel Lounge for drinks (with ice) and, one hopes, drank at least one toast to that little hill an ocean and a continent away.





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THD Welcomes New and Reinstated Members

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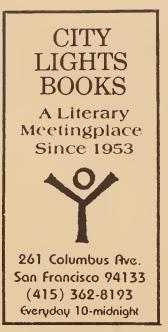
The Continuing Saga of the Sightseeing Helicopters on Pier 43

Over the years, the continuous noise pollution of the sightseeing copters operating from Fisherman's Wharf forged united opposition by neighborhood groups and civic organizations from Golden Gate Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Marina, Russian Hill and Telegraph Hill. Denied a permit by the Planning Commission and the Supervisors, and operating without a required BCDC Permit, Commodore Helicopters now refuse to vacate their premises as the Port declines to renew their expired lease, according to the SF Business Journal.

Heliports are banned on the Northeastern Waterfront by the City's Masterplan. The expired lease states that tenant's substantial failure to abide by any law, ordinance, rule or regulation imposed on the premises will be deemed a violation of this lease. The matter is now in the hands of the City Attorney.

Progress on Open Space Pier 7

After a number of modifications necessitated by technical and financial considerations, the realization of the new fishing and recreational Pier 7 at the foot of Broadway is progressing well. Design development and funding are in good shape and we are looking forward to rapid progress on this important project which is the direct result of an initiative by the Citizens Waterfront Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Port of San Francisco.









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To send the Semaphore out third class mail at $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

November

To exort members to give THD memberships to their neighbors as holiday gifts.

To raise prices for Semaphore ads.

Christmas Shortbread Recipe

Cream together 2 cups sweet softened butter with 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in 5 cups of flour, one cup at a time. Add a pinch of salt.

Press out onto a cookie sheet to a thickness of ½". Cut into shapes with a cookie cutter or small knife. Remove excess dough. To make holes in shortbread, use a drinking straw.

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More Movement on the Freeway Toward Demolition

Another small step in the continuous movement toward completion of I-280 transfer program was taken by the Bard of Supervisors in a 5½ hour meeting Monday, November 4, when the Board authorized city staff to proceed with further studies and applications for money from regulatory and state transportation bodies.

This is one more step toward the fruition of the Hill Dwellers' long standing policy to remove the last remnant of the Embarcadero Freeway, a structure THD was instrumental in stopping approximately 20 years ago. As initially planned, the freeway sliced through the waterfront to hook up to the Golden Gate Bridge, thus cutting off our neighborhood.

Congratulations to Dwellers Bob and Nancy Katz, Jane Winslow and Anne Halsted.



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Historic District Update

The committee shepherding the Telegraph Hill Historic District has submitted through our consultant, Anne Bloomfield, a proposed draft of the ordinance to establish the district to the staff of the Landmarks Advisory Board.

475 Lombard Update

Judge Figone's permit to construct a seven unit condominium project at 475 Lombard was extended—over the objections of THD and affected neighbors — for a period of 90 days beginning November 18, because the Planning staff was unable to process the site plan for the project.

Christmas Party

Once again the historic, elegant Julius Castle will be the site of the annual Telegraph Hill Dwellers Christmas Cocktail Party on December 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A warm thanks to Jeffrey Pollack for his generosity, unfailing seasonal spirit and sumptous hors d'oeuvres.

Columbus Almost Hooked

Due to uncleared pending charges of prostitution in Mt. View on the applicant, an application for a permit for a massage parlor at 720 Columbus Avenue (a Sophie Lau real estate) was denied by the Police Department. Thanks to Commander Casey, Captain Gray and neighborhood groups in attendance.



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Valet Parking

The battle over valets illegally parking cars on the streets is heating up. Valet services at the Bistro, Cars, Dixie and Grifone have squeezed residents between Montgomery Street and North Beach as never before. What can be done? If you witness a valet parking cars on the street, write down the name of the valet or restaurant, the license number and location of the car, date and time, and send this information to the THD Parking & Traffic Committee, Box 330159, San Francisco, CA 94133. Along with North Beach Neighbors, THD is making periodic reports to the Police to pinpoint repeat offenders. But while we're at it, let's give credit and thanks to those valets who try to help out the residents, by letting us park in the white zones for that last minute dash to the Post Office or the bank. White zones are supposed to be free for parking when the restaurant or store is not open.

The September Police Community Relations meeting at Central Station addressed valet parking. Captain Gray, Officer Jim Deignan, Jim Verling (Flying Dutchman 397-5555) and Jeff Gilmore (Gilmore Valet 431-5309) faced a room full of residents and merchants protesting valet parking on city streets. Verling and Gilmore claimed their cars are transported to lots as the law requires, and the Police claimed they were not aware of any street parking. Only two arrests have been made in the last 30 days. The Valet owners made this offer: phone them regarding an offenders and the will fire the valet! We cannot assume that all valets work for the Flying Dutchman. The Flying Dutchman services only Dixie, La Felce and the New Pisa. All other valets are independent operators. Call the restaurant they are servicing register complaints.

And last, but not least, could we persuade the owners of Julius Castle and the Shadows to reinstate the customer shuttle service to and from the Vallejo and Front Street garage? Traffic and parking on Montgomery Street is a nightmare. The shuttle service was a great boon to the whole community and would be gratefully appreciated by all residents.

Mechanical Streetsweeping

As you are aware, the Department of Public Works began mechanical street sweeping on August 12, 1985, in certain commercial areas within the Telegraph Hill Boundaries. If you have any comments about the noise, lack of parking spaces, or any other problem connected with the sweeping, please call Gloria Woo at 982-3790.

Poster Contest

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers are sponsoring an anti-litter poster contest in Garfield Elementary School. The Refuse Committee is working with Principal Joseph Stallone, Art Coordinator Jamie Learned, and Resource Teacher, Lee Russell to get the contest underway. Students from the second through fifth grades will participate for first, second, and third prizes in each grade, as well as a grand prize. The contest will run until the end of January, and the results will be in the next Semaphore. Our goal is to involve our children in a project that encourages community pride and unity, as well as educates them in keeping the neighborhood cleaner and more attractive. Special thanks to the Crime Prevention Committee for making donations, and also to THD members who contributed at the annual picnic.



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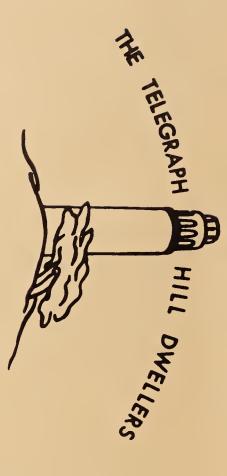
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